

**Workshop organised on “Intellectual Property Management in Fisheries and Agriculture Sectors” on 19 July, 2014**

The Institute (ITMU) organized an awareness workshop on **“Intellectual Property Management in Fisheries and Agriculture Sectors”** on 19 July, 2014 to sensitize scientists, researchers and other associated members of R&D sector towards IPR issues and rights provided under the law. The workshop was held under the chairmanship of Dr. A.K. Singh, Director DCFR, Bhimtal. On this occasion 50 participants from DCFR, Bhimtal, NDRI, Karnal, NBPGR Regional Station, Bhowali, CITH Regional Station, Mukteswar, PDFMD, Mukteswar, IVRI, Bareilly, VPKAS, Almora and other organization attended the workshop. Dr. Prem Kumar, Senior Scientist and Incharge ITMU welcomed the Director, other participants and members of ZTMU, Barielly. He explained the purpose and objectives of this workshop and also informed about the functioning of the ITMU, DCFR, Bhimtal.

In his keynote address, Dr. A.K. Singh, Director, DCFR and Chairman ITMU emphasized the importance of IPR and protection of intellectual property through various means and also highlighted the different elements which provide opportunities for the protection of technologies and its best utilization. He also reiterated about identification and short listing of protectable technologies to be generated by DCFR.

On this occasion some invited lecture was organised on the emerging issues of IPR. An introductory lecture on **“Intellectual Property and Its Management in Agriculture”** was given by Dr. Rajeev Kapila, Principal Scientist, National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal Haryana. He made aware the participants about the IP and its importance in agriculture sector. The evolution of IP regime under WTO and TRIPs were discussed. Dr. Kapila explained about the provisions under patents and copyright. Dr. Puneet Kumar, Principal Scientist and Incharge ZTMU-BPD, IVRI, Izatnagar, delivered the lecture on **"Functions and Responsibilities of Zonal Technology Management Business Planning and Development Unit"**. He introduced the house about the commercialization of technologies and how to use this at grass root level. He also informed about the Business Incubation Centre developed by ICAR-ZTMUs for the commercialization of technologies and about the technologies commercialized by ZTMU. There is a scope of earning and revenue generation through commercialization of technologies. Lecture on **"Intellectual Property & Technology Management at IVRI: An overview"** is

given by Dr. R. P. Singh, Principal Scientist, IVRI, Izatnagar. He listed the new technologies and latest IP developed by IVRI. Dr. Salej Sood, Scientist, VPKAS, Almora delivered lecture on **"IPR: Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Rights Act"**. He discussed about the registered plant varieties and Plant Protection Act. He also explained the process of registration of the new plant varieties.

A detailed discussion was held on the emerging issue of IPR. The following points emerged from the discussion.

1. Every researcher should look for the possibilities of patenting the technology. The IP generated from the research should be protected.
2. Technologies need to be commercialized for the recovery of cost and revenue generation.
3. It is essential to decide which technology is for farmer that need to be provided free of cost and which should be priced.
4. Young researchers and scientists need to be sensitized as well as involved in the IP management. And such types of workshop and meeting need to be organized for sensitization of IP management.
5. The workshop ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. S. Ali, Member ITMU cell.

